Question for test 30 points

In a double spaced type written thesis based essay no more than 750 words (not including your name and the title of your essay) answer:

**Despite the best efforts of so called great Emperors such as Constantine and Diocletian, the Western Roman Empire fell. Assess their efforts to forestall the fall. To what extent were they successful?**

You will need to provide some background that helps explain the situation prior to their rule.

Your grade will be based on

1. Strong Title
2. Proper spelling and grammar (THERE SHOULD BE NO SPELLING ERRORS)
3. Use of transitions and other writing devices that help make the paper more readable.
4. \*Thesis paragraph. Your thesis should be clear and not wishy-washy
5. No use of personal pronouns or rhetorical questions
6. \*Accurate facts that pertain to the situation
7. \*Depth and relevance of information
8. \*Analysis- facts and discussion always tie back to thesis
9. A conclusion that does more than restate the opening paragraph and sums up your argument in an authoritative manner.
10. Pencil/pen, the **final word count** on the bottom of the last page.

\* Heavier emphasis on these substantive issues.

You should not need to use materials other than those provided by me or via the textbook. If for some inexplicable reason you feel compelled to use an outside source, you need to cite it. If outside material isn’t cited, please check the student handbook. Also, you should work on this alone, though a parent or adult may review the essay for issues such as spelling and grammar, the facts used and arguments made should be your own.